



Elections Office of the Registrar of Voters

2012 Presidential General Election

County Measures Information Sheet

A. Submittal of Ballot Measures:

1. Measures can be placed on the ballot in two ways:
 - A registered voter can file an initiative petition with the Elections Office signed by the required number of registered voters. Cal. Elec. Code §§9101- 9126
 - The Board of Supervisors has the authority to place measures before voters by referendum. Cal. Elec. Code §§9140 - 9147
2. Proposed measures for the November 6, 2012 Presidential General Election must be submitted to the San Bernardino County Elections Office by August 10, 2012

B. Impartial Analysis:

1. If a measure qualifies to appear on the ballot, the Registrar of Voters provides a copy of the measure to the County Auditor and to the County Counsel. The County Counsel will prepare an impartial analysis of the measure showing the effect of the measure on existing law and the operation of the measure.
2. The impartial analysis is printed in the Voter Information Guide.
Cal. Elec. Code §9160

C. Labeling of Measures: August 11

1. The Registrar of Voters will assign a letter to each qualifying local measure. Cal. Elec. Code §13116
2. If there is more than one measure submitted, the Registrar of Voters will conduct a drawing to determine the letter assignment and the order in which qualifying measures will appear on the ballot.

D. Public Examination Period:

1. The Elections Office will provide any requesting person with copies of the impartial analysis, arguments for and against measures, and rebuttal arguments during a ten day period following submittal of the document.
Cal. Elec. Code §9190(a)

E. Arguments For or Against Measures:

1. Submitting Arguments: Submittal deadline is August 23
 - The Board of Supervisors and any registered voter may file a written argument for or against the measure.
 - No argument shall exceed 300 words in length.
Cal. Elec. Code §9162 - §9164
2. Selecting Arguments:
 - If more than one argument for or against the proposed measure is submitted, the Registrar of Voters selects and prints one of the arguments in favor and one of the arguments against the measure for distribution in the Voter Information Guide.
Cal. Elec. Code §9166
 - In selecting arguments, the Registrar of Voters gives preference and priority in this order:
 - i. The Board of Supervisors or authorized member
 - ii. Sponsors or proponents of the measure
 - iii. Citizen's associations
 - iv. Registered voters
Cal. Elec. Code §9166
3. End of Public Examination Period for Arguments: September 4
 - Ten days immediately following the deadline for submitting arguments.
Cal. Elec. Code §9190(a)

F. Rebuttals:

1. Submitting Rebuttals: Deadline is August 31
 - The authors of the arguments may submit rebuttal arguments to the Elections Office.
 - The rebuttals may not exceed 250 words.
Cal. Elec. Code §9167
2. End of Public Examination Period for Rebuttals: September 10
 - Ten days immediately following the deadline for submitting rebuttal arguments.
Cal. Elec. Code §9190(a)

G. Measures in other Jurisdictions:

1. Additional information for the jurisdictions below can be referenced in the following areas of the California Election Code:
 - Municipal Elections Cal. Elec. Code §§9200 - 9295
 - District Elections Cal. Elec. Code §§9300 - 9380
 - School Districts Cal. Elec. Code §§9500 - 9509